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To Members of the Labor Committee: Connecticut State House of Representatives.

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Harold S. Harris, Chief Engineer and Corporate Director at Plastics and Concepts of Connecticut, Inc. in Glastonbury, CT.

I am writing to voice my opposition to SB-63, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave.

It makes sense for people to stay home when sick. It does not make sense to think that government leaders know what is best for each type of employer. The employer and the employee can develop a benefit package that includes sick leave and works to the benefit of both without adverse impact on their global competitiveness.

We closed our Manchester, Ct. manufacturing operation is July of 2009. We now sub contract our manufacturing to a preferred supplier in Indiana. Connecticut's anti business attitude demonstrated by the annual push for bills like SB-63 played a significant role in our decision to close our Connecticut manufacturing facility.

If you want to keep jobs, I urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to reduce mandates that drive up the cost of doing business in Connecticut.

Thank you.

Harold S. Harris